Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. **(Currently Amended)** A context detecting apparatus ~~including~~ comprising:

a housing shaped to allow the apparatus to be positioned in a plurality of orientations each corresponding to at least one particular context,

means ~~adapted~~ to detect the orientation of the apparatus from among the plurality of orientations, ~~and~~

communications means for communicating the detected orientation ~~that thus context~~ to [[be]] a device, and

means for changing an operating state of the device based on the detected orientation communicated to the device by the communication means,

wherein changing the operating state of the device has no effect on an operating state of the apparatus.

2. **(Original)** A context detecting apparatus as claimed in claim 1 wherein the housing is a cube, triangular pyramid or a regular or irregular solid.

3. **(Previously Presented)** A context detecting apparatus as claimed in claim 1 wherein the detection means corresponds to one or more sensors adapted to sense the orientation of the apparatus.

4. **(Previously Presented)** A context detecting apparatus as claimed in claim 1 wherein the orientation is transmitted to the device by means of a cable.

5. **(Currently Amended)** A context detecting apparatus as claimed in claim 1 ~~herein~~ wherein the orientation is communicated to the device by wireless means.

6. **(Currently Amended)** A context detecting apparatus as claimed in claim 1 wherein the apparatus is ~~adapted so that it may be~~ configured to identify one or more orientations with one or more corresponding contexts.

7. **(Currently Amended)** A context detecting apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein the apparatus is ~~in the form of~~ a computer peripheral ~~whereby~~ and wherein each orientation of the computer peripheral corresponds to a specific user context when using a defined plurality of associated computers.

8. **(Previously Presented)** A device adapted to be responsive to a context detecting apparatus as claimed in claim 1.

9. **(Currently Amended)** A context detecting apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein the device is ~~in the form of~~ a personal computer adapted to switch between different operating states in response to the orientation of the context detecting apparatus.

10. **(Currently Amended)** A device as claimed in claim 9 wherein the different operating states include the personal computer going into standby, being locked, filtering, storing, buffering, setting authorization states or otherwise manipulating incoming email and/or messages.

11. **(Currently Amended)** A device as claimed in claim 9 wherein the different operating states ~~include the computer altering settings~~ correspond to ~~colours,~~ choice of software[[,]] and desktop layout of the personal computer.

12. **(Currently Amended)** A device as claimed in claim 9 adapted to be configurable by [[the]] a user to allow the definition of and switching between different operating states.

13. **(Currently Amended)** A device as claimed in claim 9, further comprising means ~~adapted~~ to control a second device ~~such as a telephone, or speakers~~ in response to context information received from the context detecting apparatus, the second device corresponding at least one of a telephone and a speaker.

14. **(Currently Amended)** A context detection system ~~including~~ comprising:

a peripheral device, adapted to output a signal corresponding to its orientation, and

a computer communicatively connected to the peripheral device and adapted to change its operating state in response to the signal output by the peripheral device, thereby allowing the control of the operating state of the computer ~~by means of~~ based on the orientation of the peripheral device,

wherein the operating state of the computer has no effect on an operating state of the peripheral device.

15. **(Currently Amended)** A method of detecting user context, the method comprising the steps of:

~~a user~~ orienting, by a user, a context detection sensing means in a physical orientation corresponding to a chosen context,

communicating, by the context detection sensing means to a device, the chosen context,

interpreting, by the [[a]] device, ~~interpreting~~ the chosen context as communicated to [[it]] the device by the context detection sensing means, and

modifying ~~its behaviour accordingly~~ the behavior of the device in accordance with the chosen context,

wherein the modifying of the behavior of the device has no effect on an operating state of the context detection sensing means.

16. **(Currently Amended)** A device as claimed in claim 1 where the ~~appearance of the~~ housing comprises a cube having a plurality of faces ~~can be customized via~~ each having a unique printed ~~labels~~ label provided thereon, to allow a user to place the cube at a particular

orientation based on which operating state of the device corresponding to one of the unique printed labels is desired by the user ~~or via the update of integrated displays incorporated into the device~~.

17. (New) A device as claimed in claim 16, wherein the detecting means includes conducting fluid provided within the cube, wherein the conducting fluid closes one of a plurality of switches provided within the cube when the cube is positioned at a particular orientation, to thereby provide an electronic indication of the particular orientation.

18. (New) A device as claimed in claim 16, further comprising:

setting means for enabling the user to set a plurality of different operating states for the device corresponding to each of the plurality of orientations of the apparatus.

19. (New) A method as claimed in claim 15, further comprising:

enabling a user to set, via a setup mode, a plurality of different operating states for the device corresponding to each of the plurality of orientations of the context detection sensing means, wherein the enabling step comprises:

placing the context detection sensing means in a first orientation and assigning a first operating state of the device when the context detection sensing means is in the first orientation;

placing the context detection sensing means in a second orientation and assigning a second operating state of the device when the context detection sensing means is in the second orientation; and

repeatedly placing the context detection sensing means in different orientations and assignment different operating states of the device, until all possible orientations have been assigned.